

Sermon Reflections

Jesus, God's Law, and You (Matthew 5:17-20)

Summary: Jesus fulfilled God's Word for you that His Law can be fulfilled by you. Obey King Jesus.

1. What Does Jesus Do with the Old Testament? He Fulfills It. (v. 17)

- What did Jesus mean when He said that He came not to abolish the law or the Prophets but to fulfill them?
- The favor of God rests only on what Jesus has done for us, and has nothing to do with what we have done ourselves. Christian, where are you putting your trust today? What are some signs (from both ditches) that you have regressed and are relying on your works rather than on Christ? What is the cure?

2. What Do We Do with the Law? Obey It. (vv. 18-19)

- The law has not passed away, and Jesus has fulfilled the Law for the believer. What now then is the Christian to do with God's Law? How do you reply to your uncle at Christmas dinner when he asks why you are eating that slice of ham yet believe homosexuality is a sin?
- What are some examples of where the OT laws no longer directly apply, but apply in principle?
- In what ways has Christ made us free from the Law? Christ has set us free in order to do what? See Galatians 5:13-14.

3. What Has Changed that We Can Obey? Our Hearts. (v. 20)

- According to Christ, what was a dominate characteristic of the Pharisees' righteousness? Contrast the righteousness of the Pharisees and that righteousness wrought in the believer's heart by Christ in the New Covenant found in Jeremiah Chapter 31.
- What is the basis for the great promises of the *New Covenant*? (see Jeremiah 31: 34 – last line)
- You won't be perfect but you WILL be changed. This is how we walk ... *fight* to put those desires to death.
- *This* King fulfills all promises*this* King takes you and He WILL see you through.